## JOE BASSETT MAKES

sensitive About It, He Causes a Stranger in Arkansas City Some Embarrassment.

and the Stranger Decides to Take the Next Train for

Little Rock.

It was at the height of the spring flood he Mississippi Valley that a tall. ve looking gentleman of a somewhat polarly appearance went ashore from a river packet Robert E. Lee at Arcansas City, and looked around with conterable curiosity and an expression in which personal discontent and a well dened sense of humor seemed to be strug-

ng for supremacy Not far from the boat landing he saw a allroad track and certain buildings which from their appearance were evidently sed in the railroad business. There was in old fashioned "roundhouse," intended priously for the purpose of turning an were sidings and switches, but nothing f the nature of rolling stock was visible.

Assured by his observations that he res not in danger of missing a train immediately, he leisurely inquired his way to the hotel, judging that not more than ne was likely to be found in the town. and was directed to an unpretentious use a little distance away.

added. "for I'm in something of a hurry. .Well," said the landlord, in a manner betokening no anxiety to speed his guest, I reckon there'll be a train up Wednes-

"Wednesday!" exclaimed the stranger. Why, this is Monday morning. I want

"Th' ain't no way o' doin' that, 's fur \* I know, " was the slow spoken rejoinder. The train is done went to-day. If she gets through all right, mo' 'n likely she'll come back to-morrer 'n' go up ag'in Wednesday.

"But isn't there any other way to go?" the roads now.

a single train on the road, the traveller table he reached for the pot. resigned himself to the inevitable and To his amazement the big man inter town which he viewed exhaustively

within an hour. Tuesday seemed an eternity, and feelentered a small saloon a few doors away draw, didn't yo'?" and walking up to the bar invited the the proprietor, locally known as old man to do with it?" Greenlaw, consented with great affability

to do. door of the back room the unmistakable yo' can't." And he raked in the pot. sound of the rattling of poker chips, and tered back through the doorway.

Three men were playing boker. It the circumstances. iid not appear to be a particularly dangerlaying table stakes, as he noticed after ooking on for a few minutes. But noand it seemed likely that a \$10 stack would be a sufficient purchase for one who might desire to join the game.

watched the play with the interest of ne who was more or less familiar with And he did not seem surprised that no one spoke to him. They appeared be indifferent to his presence and he knew the custom too well to expect a plarer to look up from the table at an

Presently he said. "If there's no objec tion I wouldn't mind taking a hand in your game," and as he spoke he produced

a small roll of bills.

A grizzled veteran, who, as he afterward learned, was known as Jake Winterbottom, a player of considerable repute, looked appleasantly and answered: "Yo' all is sho' welcome. We uns is playin' short handed. 'long o' no one, bein' round, but three handed is some slow." And the others, though they said nothing, were acquiescent. Accordingly the stranger lovested \$10 and \$at in.

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noticed that the other two players found it necessary to buy more chips in the pert two rounds, and it seemed natural enough that the stranger's pile should exhausted immediately afterward. They were not pushing him any harder than they pushed one another in the betting, but they looked at him rather closely, he thought, as if to observe his

bearing when he came to buy. He flattered himself that they could tell nothing by that. He produced his money in a matter of fact way, showing neither eagerness nor annoyance, and continued the game with the satisfaction of one who has discovered a pleasant way

one who has discovered a pleasant way of passing the time, at a cost which so far had not seemed extortionate.

His real thought was that he had smal chance of winning in a game in which the other players were undoubtedly well acquainted if not actually allied against him, but he was willing enough to lose a reasonable amount for the sake of whiling away the afternoon.

His doubt as to the prospect of winning was soon strengthened by the loss of his second stack when he felt compelled to put it all up on a pat flush against a Mr.

Pearsall who set at his right and who had give a little distance away from the saloon.

really was, since the gentleman is ques- stranger.

tion was Mr. James Blaisdell, an expert of high repute.

He realized the uncertainties of the A SLIGHT MISTAKE same too well to be greatly surprised when Mr. Pearsall showed down a small full against his flush and raked in the pot game too well to be greatly surprised with an air of satisfaction, and he bought n third stack with the determination to quit the game before losing any great amount in addition to his \$20. He fancied, moreover, that the others were rather expecting to see him buy more than a single stack this time, since the money in sight had increased as it had. No com OWEN PEPPER EXPLAINS ment was made, however, and he felt no inclination to plunge, having no great hope of winning.

As it happened, however, the luck took a turn in his favor almost immediately after a fifth player had joined the game. This was a tall, powerfully built man who seemed to be well acquainted with the others at the table, since he took his seat without preliminary remark and without arousing comment. The stranger felt no inclination to offer any, but not unnaturally he observed the newcomer closely and with keen interest.

The latter appeared to be a moody individual, truculent in his bearing and indisposed to jovialt; and the others seemed to show a certain deference to him which did not appear in their manner toward each other.

The newcomer seemed to be unlucky He was evidently familiar enough with the game, but his judgment proved to be so faulty in betting against the stranger engine around for a return trip. There in three or four deals that the latter suswas a freight house, though nothing re- pected him of having overindulged in sembled a passenger station. And there stimulants, though he could see no other evidence of anything like intoxication The big man, however, looked like one who could carry a large load, and the stranger determined to be wary.

He therefore took no notice when the ig man growled and muttered in an ugly way at his successive losses, but he was almost ready to quit the game when Winterbottom dealt the cards for a jack-Carrying a small grip which was his pot that had been made on the preceding

avern, and finding the proprietor asked some are some when you must reconsider with some care the first train," he after Pearsull had opened and the big in the air.

"Well" said the landlord in a manner enough in the pot already to justify the landlord in a manner enough in the pot already to justify the enough in the pot already to justify the risk, and he could drop later on if he where should be raised unreasonably.

But there was no raise. The next two players laid down their cards, and the opener called for three in the draw. Then the big man took three and the stranger took one. He let it lie face down until he should see what the others would do. and was considerably surprised when chipped. It was evident that the one card draw had not intimidated him.

The stranger then looked at his draw "Not in flood times, th' ain't. Yo' all and finding a nine spot was at first minded mought make it on a hoss if the river to reraise. Then, seeing that he had not wa'n't up. 'Tain't on'y 'bout a hundred chips sufficient for any considerable bet. nile. But th' ain't no hoss c'n travel and considering the big man's temper as well, he decided to call. As he had Being assured that this was true, and expected the big man showed down three learning moreover that there was only of a kind, so laying his straight on the

spent the day in looking about over a posed. "That don't go!" he exclaimed laying his brawny hand over the pot "Yo'all can't play no such poker 's that Not in Arkansas City, yo' can't, not while ng himself driven to drink by ennui, he I'm Sheriff? Yo' all took a eyard in the

"Certainly I did!" said the stranger, proprietor of the place to join him, which considerably puzzled. "What's that got

"It's got a heap to do with it," returned the big man. "Yo' can't open no jack-As the two stood chatting idly over pot in Arkansas City on no busted flush their liquor there came through the open not 'thouten yo' is lookin' fo' trouble,

"But I didn't open the pot," urged the here being no apparent objection on the stranger, while he did some rapid thinkpart of any one, the stranger, feeling ing. He was not disposed to be robbed the necessity of doing something, saun- without protesting, and at the same time he did not intend to put up a fight under

But the big man paid no further attenwith the possession of the pot and indiosed to argue. Therefore he around at the others, but was hardly sur-prised to see them, to all appearance, in-different. He knew the customs of the country sufficiently well to understand that no man would interfere in a difficulty between two others unless appealed to but he was too much provoked to let the

but he was too much provoked to let the matter pass. So he appealed.

"I leave it to the table," he said. "Gentlemen, did I open the pot?"

"No." said Winterbottom, promptly enough. "Sam opened it an Joe an yo' all comed in reg'lar. Bassett, yo' all sho' is some hasty. The gent is right! He win the pot."

But Bassett glared angrily, first at Winterbottom, then at the stranger. Then his hand slid toward his hip pocket and the stranger reached for his own gun, determined to make as good a fight as he could; but to his amazement the big man besitated a fraction of an instant

And Pearsall riffled the cards with the evident intention of dealing another

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But the stranger's mind was still working at top speed. "I reckon I won't play any more just now." he said. "I haven't much of a wad with me anyhow; but I'm looking for money in the next mail. How would it be if I should sit in again to-morrow? I'd like to get a line on this sheriff in the meantime. He may not be such a bad sort after all." And he looked questioningly at the money which the big man had left on the table in his haste but decided not to reach for it.

"To-morrow'll be all right," said Winterbottom approvingly, "an' yo' all is liable to like Bassett right well if yo' come to know him right. He sho' is some party, but he ain't liable fo' to get redheaded over nothin', not 'thouten he drinks a trifle, an'

second stack when he felt compelled to put it all up on a pat flush against a Mr. Pearsall, who sat at his right and who had taken two cards in the draw. Mr. Pearsall's manner indicated that he was slightly peevish at finding himself opposed to a pat hand and was relying on the moral effect which he might be able to produce by shoving all his chips into the pet.

The stranger could see no reason for not calling, especially as he had been able to detect nothing suspicious in the play bitherto. What he did not know was that he would have been extremely unlikely to detect anything irregular in the dealing of the gentleman on his left even if he had heen vastly more experienced than he really was, since the gentleman is questioned.

POEMS WORTH READING.

Que Vadis? Time was, Time is what if it be no more For us, when we have lived our little day And passed into the night that ends our What if, for us, existence shuts the doo Out of the night and silence came we here.

Into the night and silence go we hence; Why should we dream, and foster vain preten Of knowledge of a coast unseen, but near? The wireless telegraph of soul has brought No faint remembrance of a dead or thought

Comes from the void behind, from which we why should we murmur, then, if this life's span We serve our Maker's purpose, let what will be-

NINETTE M. LOWATER.

Cresus had wondrous stores of gold Upheaped within his treasury. And yet that Lydian king of old. le. I am richer far than he The love which fast I hold in fee s measured by no cubit's span.

And may not rudely rifled be By any ruthless Persian! . CLINTON SCOLLARD

Harvest Time.

From the Denier Republican.
There's no time like harvest time.
When grains are waving ripe.
When in the trees the pickers climb
While merry blackbirds pipe;
There's no day like a harvest day.
Where floats the harvest dust.
But mind not what farmers say
When their machines go bust. There's no week like harvest week.

When glorious is the moon,
When tolling are horses sleek
And movers citck a tune:
There's no joy like harvest joy,
When hayracks line the pike.
And ranch hands, both man and boy,
Are out upon a strike. There's no song like harvest song.
When it is writ in town:
Sing out, boys, and make it strong.
The hidden jug is brown:
There's no toil like harvest toil.
So seize, my lads, the scythe,
While poets on city soil
Cheer on with verses blithe!

Era of Great Generosity. From the Washington Star. no use being stingy when you're starting Carrying a small grip which was his bot that had been made on the preceding that race, only baggage, he made his way to the deal.

There's no use holding out on words of glory and of grace.

The time may come when you must reconsider. itm do.

Or whatever should be busted, to fulfil each wish he'll try. The man who gets elected may prove much like other men
Who find conditions stubborn 'gainst the might of
voice or pen.
But while he is a candidate we look on him with As a leader and a teacher and a giver of the law. Then leave us not, oh, candidate, in gloomy ways and was considerably surprised when the big man raised after the opener had But let your magic lantern show an opulence of and the paradel will be to the band wis no use being stingy when the promises are made.

Her Specialty.

From the Chicago Record-Herald. I know a lady whom you might
Not think sublime or even fair:
Ber wit might give you no delight.
You might not think her talents rare.

More graceful women I have seen. Than ever she may hope to be; She might not seem to you a queen. Nor does she seem a queen to me.

Yet wonderful she is, indeed, As presently you shall admit. Though they that know her have agreed That there are limits to her wit. Sweet song is not her specialty.
-Nor does she defit: wield the brush.

But at the age of thirty she Can still, upon occasion, blush. Approaching Autumn

From the Washington Star.

Now comes the season when the flower I no the fruit gives way.

No more we note the sun and shower With feelings light and gay.

A reckoning ere long must show To the inquiring mind.

What things have cathered strength to grow And what were left behind. Which one of all these men we cheer
So lustily each day
In chill November will appear
A victor in the fray;
And who the pennant will secure
That haseball prize immense.
Oh, neighbors! How can we endure
This terrible suspense?

A Summary of Summer. From one I fear is a deceiver.
Item: Sensations that I swear
Look much to me like chills and fever.
Item: Nine pounds in weight have fied.

Which makes my leanness most emphatie Item: Much sleep that me forsook.

For the mosquitoes came in bunches Item: An empty pocketbook. Which sets me thinking of free lunches em: A feeling I possess Which certainly is not clation.

Ales! such are. I must confess. The net results of my vacation NATHAN M. LEVY

Vanished at length is fear; A while I linger here worn out wreck upon the sea of time Long, long ago, each mast New round my bulk there eling the worn

slime. Shall in the end bestow a resompense of utter liberty Subject to power that drave I sometime sailed the wave: Dissolved. I shall be free as it is free:

Remigration. no lat Per three lary weeks I've been enjoying this lat

Smoking and reading and not caring a jot Became of my business, but whiling away After day in perfect contentment and case. Trees. Flowers, hay, corn, grass and all kinds of birds. Words Can't express the delicht they have brought to me

Free to induige in an inclination to shirk Free to come and to go, to do as I will. Den't tell it to Gathe I am ready to quit I was glad to get out of the city's rut.

If the weather chould break there'll be ruts here Phon! It's hot enough now, but on a wet day-Say. The country is not all its cracked up to be. Tree. Flower, hay, corn, birds take on a different hue Think there's a charm in the city somehow

When this feeling comes on it is nest to go Here I am once again on the homeward tack Back! LA TOUCHE HANCOCK

My Find I found a purse upon the street.

A big one, made of lizard skin.

And hieing to a safe retreat Decided I would look within "No doubt," I sighed. "a telltale card

Is hidden in this bulky thing. I'll write at once—although it's hard— Suppose it holds a diamond ring! "Before I advertise my find Its precious contents I must see. There must be money! I'm inclined

To wish it all belonged to me. I turned the treasures in my lap; No bag e'er held such wealth before A tintype of a squint eyed chap And forty samples from some store.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

I wrote asking decision on first day of veek, and in your Sunday issue of August 4 was the answer. Pardon me for sug-gesting that the writer of that article should take a course in reading up of the Scriptures himself. Ask him to see Chap. 2, verses 2 and 3, of Genesis and send 2, verses 2 and 3, of Genesis and send me an apology. I still contend that our Sunday is the last day of the week, the seventh day. What changes have been seventh day. What changes have been made by the Jews or makers of almanaes has nothing to do with the case to my view of my question. If he can give me the date when this seventh day was changed to the first day of the week I will be very much indebted.

Assuming the divine establishment of week of seven numbered days, which is really the simplest chronometric recognition of the very faulty calendar of lunations and as such in the possession of primitive peoples wholly dissociated from the Babylonian-Hebrew myth cycle, it would be impossible to predicate the continuance of the day reckoning unimpaired. This point was succinctly brought out on Aug. 11 in a note penned by Mr. Spare. The Christian celebration of the first day of the week with somewhat of the sanctity of the seventh day Sabbath of the Old Dispensation is a matter of custom and not of enactment. Before the close of the apostolic period it was recognized in the Gentile churches; at the beginning of the fourth century it was regarded by the church as an ancient custom, and the Emperor Constantine gave it to Imperial law. Seventh-day observance is a tenet of several minor sects of Evangelical Christianity and as such does not properly arise for discussion in the lay press. Various publications of the Seventh-Day Advent body will undoubted'y be found very convincing to any least importance.

For the last thirty years, or more have read each Sunday your answers to questions propounded, but never have I asked anything of that character from you, though I have oftentimes wanted information on some subject interesting ne at the time

me at the time.

Can you tell me anything about a family of St. Vrain, of which I am a descendant? All I have ever been able to ascertain is that (a) they were French: b) settled in Louisiana, where one them (my grandfather's brother, I think) married the daughter of the last Spanish Governor of that (Louisiana) country c) went to Colorado and New Mexica n Colorado there is a St. Vrain Valle St. Vrain Creek, and there was a Fort St. Vrain. In New Mexico there was a land grant known as the St. Vrain and Vigil grant. The names of the two brothers was Cerran and (Guillaume?

while we lift the gladsome welcome to the band and the parade!

There's ne use being stingy when the promises in Pushs county. Also, can you tell me concerning the in Bucks county, Pennsylvania. Later emigrated to Indiana and finally to Coloado, where they now reside.

It would seem that one ought to know

something of one's own family history, but I confess that I do not, any more than I have above indicated, and what has occurred during my lifetime. Not the has occurred during my lifetime. Not the least trouble do I wish to cause you in answering the two queries. If you can indicate where information may be obtained, what books, if any, there are mentioning either the St. Vrain or Sepris (amily, I will) be grateful to you. family, I will be grateful to you. W. R. S.

The names are not found in careful search of several promising volumes of historical material. Perhaps the clue is in the possession of some reader; it would not be the first occasion on which reliance has been justified in the interest and kindly disposition of THE SUN's contributors.

I find the following item in a chrono-logical history of the United States: "In 1730 the Governor of Louisiana despatched an expedition against the Indians in revenge for their massacre of the French at Natchez, which succeeded in capturing nearly the whole tribe. The prisoners were transported as slaves to Santo Domingo."

Can you give me any details as to the number captured and transported, the name of the tribe and as to whether such an influx may have had a noticeable or permanent influence on racial character-istics in Santo Domingo? J. B. H. This was the last of three wars which he Natchez tribe sought to wage against the French in 1716, 1722 and 1729. In

the last year Chopart, the French Governor, occupied the principal Indian village as the site of his plantation. In etaliation the Natchez attacked Fort Rosalie and massacred the garrison. When the French attack was pressed vigprously the Indians split into three bodies. small body remaining near their former ome, the most numerous band receiving welcome from the Chickasaws in Misdssippi, the third escaping to Sicily Island near the Washita River. Here the French attacked them early in 1731, killed many and took 450 captives, who were sold into slavery as narrated. In the race mixture in Santo Domingo arising rom Caribbean sources the Natchez in fluence is not specifically to be identified. In this it differs from the negroes of Bermuda, where it is easy to recognize an Indian strain due to the deportation of warriors from New England.

Will THE SUN kindly give a ruling the significance of the word "affable Properly employed, does not this adjective invariably imply some degree of su-periority of the person whom it is used to describe? Would The Sun in its columns make use of the word as a synonym for "amiable" as between equals?

N. B. T., Jr.

The implication of a superiority which the word now commonly carries is not essential to the word but is one of the accidents. As between equals it is scarcely easily be addressed, therefore the connotation of advantage of rank quite naturally arises. But this is by no means nvariable; it is quite proper to use the

Is the salary of an inspector of police reduced with his reduction to captain's rank or does he still draw the salary of the higher rank while acting as cap-

Gen. Bingham's instance, an inspector is never regarded as acting as captain. The law provides that the Police Commissioner may appoint a captain inspector and continue him in that position during his own pleasure, that by withdrawing the designation the inspector reverts automatically to captain's grade and pay.

The writer recently asked, "What is trumps?' and immediately received a merry Ha! Ha! from all those in the game, they claiming that my question was incorrect grammatically. Was it?

M. M.

tatement with the laws of formal grammar, namely, to contend that what is a singular interrogative. That commits one to the theory that the reply would be in the singular number, diamond, heart, club the singular number, diamond, heart, club table in front of A. That player says the "Times change. A few years ago a camor spade. Thus one might parse, but that is not the way cards are played. What table could see them. are trumps is the accepted form, but it It is usually enough to leave the hand is not considered good gaming to have face up, so that it can be examined to ask the question at all.

SCHOOL FOR CARD PLAYERS.

Auction Bridge. S. G. R. says: If the declarer ruffs an adversary's lead from the right and plays from dummy before the third hand has time to play, and if A renounces and the declarer turns the trick before B could finish asking A if he declarer turns the trick before B could finish asking A if he defeating McKirdey. The popular vote of the trick before B could finish asking A if he defeating McKirdey. The popular vote of the trick before B could finish asking A if he

B ask the question before the trick was Bryan, 176. Despite the plurality of votes and the great majority o felectors a change of only 19,436 votes would have 'before he could finish asking" would imply that B had started the question before the trick was turned. If so he must have said at least two words, "No hearts." If it is agreed that he did the revoke may be corrected. Players frequently insist that they asked the question in time when they are actually at least ten sec onds late.

J. C. C. says: There is often a dispute when players from different parts of the country meet at summer resorts as to what constitutes a game in auction bridge, 0 points or 32.

Thirty points is game.

E. N. B. says: Can the dealer's partner make it royal spades in straight bridge as well as in auction? If the make is left to him he can make the trump anything he likes, and if the royal spades are played there is nothing to bar him from naming that suit. Some persons seem to think that dummy cannot make it anything but plain spades but this is a mistake. D. T. wants to know what the honors

orth under the new count, especially Simple honors are worth two tricks, so hat if royals are worth 9 a trick simple ionors are worth 18, four honors are worth 36; in one hand, 72. H. J. B. says: According to the laws w

have when the dealer bids a spade, is doubled and makes only one trick out of the thirteen all his adversaries can score is 100 points for the undertricks. Do they get 20 for little slam, which is certain! not an "undertrick," or is that barred? Under the new code the score is barred but under the old this has always been an open question.

L. P. K. wants to know when decisions will be made according to the new laws as quoted in THE SUN on August 25. As soon as they are officially announced by The Whist Club as being in force. Until then copies cannot be had, and it would hardly be fair to decide questions by a code which is not yet accessible to the general run of players.

Twelve Individuals. Several correspondents have been good enough to send in systems of moving twelve players in a progressive game so that each shall be paired with each of the others once and against him twice; but many of the schedules are defective in some of their arrangements. Here is one submitted by Put cards on the three tables, numbered as follows:

OA1 SB4 5C11 The player at O is the pivot and sits Five Hundred, W. E. H. says: Can

player who gets the bid call on the ace of a suit when he has none of that suit himself? A bets he must have one of the suit It is not the ace but the best of the suit that is called on, and the player may call on any suit but the trump, it being a matter of judgment with him whether to call on a suit that he is void of so as to get a discard, or to call on a suit that he can lead, so as to give his partner a sure trick. Same answer to H. M.

Cassino. D. S. says: There is an ace or the table and A plays an ace on it and calls it two, instead of taking in the ace with the ace. B bets this is not allowed. B is wrong. As long as there are spots B is wrong. As long as there are spots in New York. By tradition and principle enough on the cards which he builds to it is Democratic, although it is not naradd up the amount he names the build row or partisan in its alignments. It is

Poker. E. A. S. says: B picks up his the hand and says he has six cards. Is this a misdeal? No. B's hand is dead if he picked it up and looked at it before announcing that he had six cards.

der finds he is three cards short when it comes down to the last few tricks. The others have their right number. What should be done?

As a player can derive no advantage from having too few cards his adversaries usually allow the deal to stand, but they may insist on a new deal if they choose, and it is often done when the cause of the irregularity cannot be dis-

F. T. B. says: A beta that if a player finds he has been given six cards on the original deal but has not lifted or looked at any of them it is a misdeal.

The player may demand a new deal, but it is usual to ask the dealer to make the hand right by drawing one of the cards so as to save the time and trouble of dealing all over again. Sometimes those who have looked at their hands and found nothing are anxious to have the new deal, but

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not be discovered. when the cause of the irregularity can-Pinochle. E. A. W. says: Playing two Pinochle. E. A. W. says: Playing two, the atmosphere and does signal injustice hand, when the stock is about half gone, to an institution reverend and revered, and allow the says he will wherein, though geniality makes constant abode, preside the grace and the charm call out.

B is wrong. In two hand each trick! make and score a meld. If that score

ten of clubs turned, when A wins a trick the lays on the table the dix, takes the of "A Congressman and Pensions," has turned trump and lays down the rest of brought to light a rather extraordinary the lays on the table the dix, takes the turned trump and lays down the rest of the sequence for 150, but does not put the dix under the pack. After a few incre tricks B observes that A is playing with 13 cards, as he still has the dix is front of him, and therefore loses the game.

The loss of the game is not the penalty for having too many cards, but apart from that, it was B's business to see that A put the dix under the pack in place of introduced in Congress by the member of "A Congressman and Pensions," has of "A Cong

the turned trump. All B can do is to

A. B. wants to know the exact odds against filling flushes. Against a four card flush it is 38 Against a three card flush it is 23 to 1. Against a two card flush it is 96 to 1 Same answer to L. P.

any player doubts its fairness.

POLITICAL NOTES.

The possibility that the next Presihad none of the suit led, is it a revoke or is A in time to correct it?

This depends on a question of fact. Did

The electoral college stood, McKinley, 291; defeated McKinley and elected Bryan. very prominent Democrat who knew the inside workings of that campaign and who was an intimate friend of the late Senator

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Bryan.
"We had given up the East, were sure "We had given up the East, were sure of twenty-one States without money, and I shall always believe that the \$300,000 referred to would have elected Bryan."

home at Lake Champlain and his friends over separate State tickets and separate seemed to be confident that he would be electoral tiskets, and therefore the presentence of the presented by La Follette.

York county expires December 31, 1918.

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The story that Gov. Woodrow Wison was denied membership in the Manhattan Club, although promptly and properly contradicted, continues to bob up in out of town newspapers. Gov. Wilson on numerous occasions of late has breakfasted at the club as a guest when stopping in town over night. Henry Watterson, one of the principals at the fateful conference which uncovered the Wilson-Harvey incident in the club, has become rather nettled over a paragraph in the Savannah, Ga., News intimating that perhaps Mr. Watterson's friends in the club were responsible for the withdrawal of Gov. Wilson's name. Gov. Wilson's explanation is that he did not desire to join any clubs during the campaign and that he was proposed for membership without his authority. The Savannah News says:

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too big to do anything like blackballing Woodrow Wilson for spite. But there is a little coterie of Henry Wattersen; "Do you know Mr. Roosevelt well?" his friends who play poker and roll high balls. who might do something like this. We who might do something like this. We don't believe that Henry Watterson would countenance it any more than Senator Smith of New Jersey would stand for such a small piece of business. The latter has issued a statement denying that he would oppose Woodrow Wilson's becoming a member of the Manhattan Club.

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"The Manhattan Club ranks as among e oldest and most elegant organizations more than a political body. It is a big. the fashionable avenue down neighborhood of Thirtieth street. heighborhood of Thirtieth street. Henry Watterson makes his home there while he is in New York, and the members are very fond of him. That probably gave rise to the suspicion that some of his pais

Mr. Watterson ridicules the idea that any friends of his could have been inter-ested in the incident, and as an old memper of the club, he takes the Savannah News to task thus:

Anything less 'swagger' than the Manhattan Club could hardly be imagined. Its distinction among the clubs of New York has been its freedom from frivolity and affectation, the total absence from the familiar ways of the society la-de da and the convivial rowdy-dow. Its ample library is one of the sweetest, most sectioned and reposeful nodes in the society la-de days reposeful nodes in the sweetest. cluded and reposeful nooks in the world. Its kitchen has been long held the best in clubland.

"The just complaint against the The just complaint against the very that Teddy's fight then was also the fight they are overfine for comfort. They are built and conducted too much on the and that Teddy's side had the most. His built and conducted too much on the plan of the fashionable hotels. They are plan of the tashionable notes. They are paid ornate to excess and lack the simple and the cosey which one seeks in his relaxation. The glory of the Manhattan, aside the confort, is its domesticity.

"It won't surprise me a bit if Wilson that gives Roosevelt a close shave in Minne-It is as a coat, a glove, or a shoe, that fits. The lines of Thackeray apply to its habitues:

In tattered old slippers that toast at the bars. And a ragged old jacket perfumed by eigars

Long, long through the hours and the night and allow the deal to stand, but they may lastet Here we talk of old books, and old friends an old times. "When the Savannah News talks of 'pe ker' and 'highballs,' that redoubtable Southerner misses equally the facts and the atmosphere and does signal injustic

B is wrong. In two hand each trick, original home at Fifteenth street and Fifth avenue that President Andrew Johnputs him 1,000 and he announces it he ts leading Pernocrats of that time to go over out.

Some and score a meid. If that score son, after a convivial night, promised leading Pernocrats of that time to go over to the Democratic party, a promise which Johnson quickly forgot on his return to

Washington.

introduced in Congress by the member introduced in Congress by the member whom he hopes to supersede—W. W. Rucker. It seems that Mr. Rucker has introduced 519 bills, of which 410 were private pension bills, 18 to 'correct' military records, 11 to remove charges of desertion. In big type in the midst of the sheet in which Mr. Rucker's record is displayed Mr. Wittgeetton asks. 'Votes. Rucker. It seems that Mr. Rucker has introduced 519 bills, of which 410 were private pension bills, 18 to 'correct' military records, 11 to remove charges of desertion. In big type in the midst of the sheet in which Mr. Rucker's record is displayed, Mr. Whitecotton asks: 'Voters, do you want a pension agent in Congress?' Or do you want a Congressman who will work for good roads, economy, lower tariff, equal rights to all and special privilege to none?'

"Times change. A few years ago a campaign document showing how many private pension bills a member had introduced would have been issued by the member, not by his opponent. The inquiry, 'Voters, do you want a pension agent in Congress?' would have been answered by

an instant, 'We do.' Those who believe that the moral standard of politics is ris ing will watch with interest to learn whether the Second Missouri district to-day wants the old kind of Congressman or the new and better kind.

The statement is daily becoming more prevalent that in the event of Gov. Wil-son's election to the Presidency William J. Bryan is to be his Secretary of State.

One of the problems discussed these days by national Republicans at their the future of the Republican national party. Is it to be destroyed effectually by the Progressive party, headed by Theo-

ore Reosevel ? It is contended in these discussions that was an intimate friend of the late Senator | dore Reosevel | 7 |
James K. Jones of Arkansas, campaign | It is contended in these discussions that manager and chairman of the National Democratic Committee in that year, said yesterday: | a great moral issue can destroy a slavery destroyed the once powerful and famous Whig party. The Republican national party, it is pointed out, adopted the Jones, principally by Western silver mine great moral issue of opposition to the extension of slavery and thus easily debelieving Bryan and free silver would win. believing Bryan and free silver would win, stroyed the Whigs, who dallied and combut by September these men weskened and made up their minds to hold onto their money.

Stroyed the Whigs, who dallied and compromised and paltered. Those who have participated in these recent discussions their money. party a sufficient moral issue with which to obliterate the Republican national

Government. "In other words," the argu-ment ran on, "Can a great moral issue, such as breaking up a combination of political bosses and corporations to con-trol the Government be carried to a suctrol the Government be carried to a suc-cessful issue by a man under suspicion?

It was pointed out that Roosevelt and his friends complained bitterly The fact that Supreme Court Justice James A. Betts of the Third Judicial district was not renominated has led Democrats to assert that Justice Betts is to be nominated in the Democratic State Convention to be held at Syracuse on October 1 for Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals to succeed either Albert Haight or Irving G. Vann, both of whom retire because of the age limit.

Committee and the committee on talks in the Republican national convention at Chicago. But it is known to thousands of Republicans that Roosevelt as President in 1904 and 1998 countenanced and profited by just the same sort of procedure and that might was right with him in those two conventions. In other words, if he was badly treated at Chicago he got but a dose of the medicine he handed out in 1904 and 1908. In 1908 he sa'd, "You'll take Taft or you'il take me." At the recent Republican national convention treatment at the hands of the National While many Democrats tell you without reserve that the present State officers,
headed by Gov. Dix, are to be renominated
at Syracuse, the Dowling boom within the
last week has rumbled beneath the surface in New York city. Justice Dowling
home at Lake Champlain and his friends
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nominated at Syracuse and that he would ent moral issue which he raises would

The story that Gov. Woodrow Hongard Hoosevelt's inconsistencies, that he was denied membership in the Manhattan land of quick thought and action there is

"Know him most intimately, have been

one of his strongest supporters, know all his traits, but he will be dead politically after primary day. You will hear no more of him." "Ah, my friend," was the reply made to Mr. Koenig, "you have known Roosevelt to very little purpose. You haven't analyzed him very keenly. He will be active, he will be raising the or somebody, fighting in one direction or another and he will never cease his ac-

tivities until the coffin lid is screwed down over him."
Mr. Koenig was then further tol velt would be to lock him up in solitary confinement for a month where he could have no physical or intellectual exercise and that he would be a dead man at the

One of the most experienced political bservers in the State of Minnesota writes

"The Wilson sentiment out he to me to be growing everwhelming among ny acquaintances, nearly all of whom Republicans. There is a fine contempt for Roosevelt among them, and Taft is considered hopeless in every way. He stands revealed a stubborn, stupid man who, when driven to the wall, simply sulks, and work advance or climb the well. won't advance or climb the wall.

"The Penrose-Archbold-Roosevelt con-

troversy is amusing because it comes to so many honest people as something new and more or less shocking—like a big fire or a steamboat disaster. Any man who owned a noddle of his own in 1904 knew and that Teddy's successful the cam-letter, written at the close of the cam-are paign to kive Cortelyou a certificate of If Wilson decides to campaign this State and Wisconsin the vote will, I think, be close. It seems to me that the Demo-cratic campaign should be planned so as to keep Teddy busy in States which he thinks are safely his, for the fact is that his chief men are quite inexperienced and

easily frightened. A stiff campaign out here by Gov. Wilson would frighten them half to death, and the Colonel would be deluged by appeals to come and save the "Another thing: If Wilson will refuse to take the Colonel seriously and will poke fun at him quietly (as he used to do at Princeton when talking to a mischievous underclass man) he will not only rattle the Colonel and make him rear up and kick, but he will tickle the country. The o thing that an egoist can't stand is to he gentle but searching fun made of him.

"The Roosevelt chiefs take themselves are pleased by abuse, they will squirm if treated as foolish little boys are treated by a wise and patient dad. Gov. Wilson is an artist at that sort of thing.

"I think that I am perfectly safe in saying that so far as Minnesota and the

neighboring States are concerned the drift s very decidedly toward Wilson. One hears very little political talk. That may come later. Both St. Paul papers favor Roosevelt, but they have said nothing as yet that would prevent them from turning Party lines don't exest out

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of Constantine's victory at Milvian Bridge